

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

IN RE: TESTOSTERONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION	MDL No. 2545
This Document Relates to All Cases	Master Docket Case No. 1:14-cv-01748 Honorable Matthew F. Kennelly

JOINT STATUS REPORT REGARDING STIPULATIONS OF DISMISSAL

The parties filed a joint stipulation of dismissal without prejudice (dkt. 2610) and a joint stipulation of dismissal with prejudice as to Besins Healthcare, Inc. (dkt. 2609). The Court directed counsel to submit a joint status report providing an explanation for these stipulations of dismissal. Dkt. 2633. Accordingly, the parties submit the following:

I. Stipulation of Dismissal Without Prejudice (dkt. 2610)

Several Plaintiffs with Illinois or Delaware citizenship named AbbVie Inc. and Abbott Laboratories. Both AbbVie Inc. and Abbott laboratories have Illinois and Delaware citizenship based on their Delaware incorporation and Illinois principal places of business. These Plaintiffs assert that AbbVie Inc. and Abbott Laboratories are essential defendants to these actions. The parties have agreed to dismiss these actions without prejudice, tolling the statutes of limitations and repose for 90 days so as to facilitate the refile of these cases in state court. These cases will not continue in the MDL.

II. Stipulation of Dismissal With Prejudice as to Besins Healthcare, Inc. (dkt. 2609)

Several Plaintiffs with Virginia citizenship inadvertently named Besins Healthcare, Inc. in their cases against the AbbVie defendants. Besins Healthcare, Inc. is a Virginia citizen based on its principal place of business. The parties have jointly stipulated to the dismissal of Besins

Healthcare, Inc. only so as to preserve diversity jurisdiction in those cases. These cases will still continue in the MDL.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 21, 2018, the foregoing document was filed via the Court's CM/ECF system, which will automatically serve and send email notification of such filing to all registered attorneys of record.

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